

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Helena, MT 59620

Conducts a number of activities related to water resources, for detailed information contact the following:

- Complaints, investigation, enforcement 444-0379
- Nonpoint source pollution-agriculture, forestry, mining, etc. 444-5319
- Permits, licenses, approval:
ground water, surface water discharge 444-3080
- Public water supply: drinking water quality, contamination, testing 444-4400
- Wetland disturbances 444-6652

Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology (406-496-4336)

133 West Park St.
Butte, MT 59701-8997

Maintains a statewide database of ground water information and well records. Conducts ground- water and surface-water research statewide. The web site for locating well logs is <http://mbmggwic.mtech.edu>

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (586-3136)

2273 Boot Hill Ct., Suite 110
Bozeman, MT 59715

Provides information on water rights in Gallatin County. Issues permits for water rights and usage changes. Conducts water right transfers for real estate transactions. Administers well-drilling permits for the controlled ground water areas in Gallatin County.

Montana Watercourse (994-6671)

201 Culbertson Hall, MSU
Bozeman, MT 59717

Statewide water education program providing unbiased information, resources, tools and education to all water users.

Montana Water Center (994-6690)

103 Huffman Bldg., MSU
Bozeman, MT 59717

Provides research opportunities, information and training to Montana's water professionals.

[Http://water.montana.edu](http://water.montana.edu)

Montana Water Court (586-4364)

P. O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389

Handles questions concerning elements of an old water right (pre 1973).

Natural Resources & Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture (522-4000, ext. 3)

3710 Fallon St., Bozeman, MT 59715

Administers cost-share programs dealing with efficient use of water for irrigation. Coordinates with the Gallatin Conservation District to provide technical assistance to landowners on water-related issues.

Water Commissioner (580-5555)

Chief Water Commissioner
George Alberda
(580-5555)

The water commissioners administer water right decrees, by priority date. They mediate water distribution disputes as appointed by the 18th Judicial District Water Judge, Judge Mark Guenther.

Water Commissioners and assigned areas:

Middle Creek, Hyalite Creek and South Cottonwood Creek

Herald Lindvig — 586-3006

West Gallatin and Baker Creek

George Alberda — 580-5555

North & South Willow Creek and Harrison Lake

Lezlie Kinne — 685-3296

Bozeman Creek (Sourdough)

John Metcalf — 586-6808

Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

Walt Sales, President — 282-7435



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Who Does What with Water in the Gallatin Valley



West Gallatin River, Gallatin Gateway, Montana

Gallatin Local Water Quality District

1709 W. College Street, Suite 104
Judge Guenther Memorial Center
Bozeman, MT 59715
www.gallatin.mt.gov/GLWQD

*Helping the residents of the Gallatin Valley protect, preserve
and improve our surface water and ground water resources.*

Gallatin Local Water Quality District

(GLWQD) provides local resource information on water quality and quantity issues. The GLWQD conducts water-related research and monitoring projects and participates in education and outreach activities for adults and children relating to ground water and surface water.

The GLWQD strives to be a clearinghouse of information for residents of the Gallatin Valley. This brochure contains contact information on city, county and state organizations that work on issues related to our local water resources. If you have a water-related question, please contact the most appropriate department or agency listed here.

If you need additional assistance, or are not sure who to talk to, please contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District at 582-3148 and we will do our best to assist you.

Watershed Groups

Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 751, Bozeman, MT 59771
Email: info@greatergallatin.org
Web: www.greatergallatin.org

A locally-led, nonprofit organization that brings together sound science and citizen involvement creating a forum for community-based problem-solving and focused action within the greater Gallatin watershed. Programs include community education forums, watershed tours, volunteer water quality monitoring and watershed resource assessment planning.

Blue Water Task Force (995-4601)

P.O. Box 160513, Big Sky, MT 59716
www.bluewatertaskforce.org

Focused on the upper Gallatin watershed (Big Sky area) this locally-led, nonprofit conducts community volunteer water monitoring and education as well as watershed resource assessment planning for the upper portion of the Gallatin watershed.

Municipal Water Supplies

CITY OF BELGRADE

Public Works Director/City Hall

91 E. Central
Belgrade, MT 59714
388-3760

Provides drinking water from deep wells for the residents and businesses in the City of Belgrade. Also provides water for fire protection, household use and irrigation. At this office you can pay your bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. You can also mail in your payment to this address as well.

CITY OF BOZEMAN

Finance Dept./Water Cashier (582-2328)

411 E. Main St. (Corner of Main & Rouse)
Bozeman, MT 59715

At this office you can pay your bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. There is also an invoice and envelope provided with your bill so that you can mail your payment.

Water Dept./City Shop (582-3200)

Bozeman, MT 59715

If you have no water, broken lines, notice discoloration in your water, a bad odor or taste, call the Water Department at the City Shop.

Water Treatment Plant (586-7158)

Sourdough Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715

Supplies drinking water for businesses and residences in the City of Bozeman, including Montana State University, from Hyalite Creek, Sourdough Creek and Lyman Creek.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (586-9159)

Moss Bridge Rd (off Springhill Rd), Bozeman, MT 59715

Uses the most advanced technology to clean wastewater. Wastewater from the municipal city limits is purified and discharged into the East Gallatin River.

TOWN OF MANHATTAN

Director of Public Works (284-3235)

107 S. 7th St., Manhattan, MT 59741

Provides drinking water for the Town of Manhattan from a spring and three wells.

Town Hall (284-3235)

120 W. Main, Manhattan, MT 59741

At this office you can pay your water and sewer bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. You can also mail your payment to this address. Payments are also taken at the Manhattan State Bank at 124 S. Broadway.

Technical Assistance

Environmental Health Services-Gallatin Co. (582-3120)

311 W. Main St., Courthouse, Rm. 108, Bozeman, MT 59715

Issues septic permits. Conducts septic system installation inspections. Reviews percolation test results. Observes septic site evaluations and interprets soil conditions for their suitability to absorb wastewater. Assists in subdivision review by assessing the quality, quantity and dependability of drinking water; type and location of septic systems; surface water runoff; storm drainage; and well and septic layouts. Inspects public water supplies.

Gallatin Conservation District (522-4011)

3710 Fallon St., #B, Bozeman, MT 59718

Issues 310 permits for stream bed work. Administers various grants for local watershed groups. Also administers natural resources education related funding.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (994-4042)

1400 S. 19th St.
Bozeman, MT 59718

Issues permits for private ponds. Responsible for maintenance of fishing access sites.